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**MASSES** 

Daily: Mon - Fri : 8:00 AM Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 10 AM PENANCE Saturdays 2:30-3:30 PM



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#### Mission Statement:

"Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, disciples of Jesus Christ in Worcester, MA, reaches out with love into the neighborhoods to welcome, serve, support, and engage the community in Jesus.

In creating a welcoming relationship with Eucharistic and prayerful celebrations, we gather to make a difference by coming closer to God and one another."

## August 25, 2024 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

Daily Rosary-Praying of the Rosary will continue after the 8am daily mass in the church on Monday through Friday and at 9:15am before the 10am Sunday Mass. If you would still like to participate via Zoom, please let us know.

#### Mass Intentions & Calendar

Sat, Aug 24

4:30 pm Lucas D. Kronlund req by Thomas Pellegrino & family Sun, Aug 25 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Ed & Peg Santon, Bob & Claire Parker, Jack & Millie
Hanlon and Ed & Rita Hanlon req by the family
Gerald Ferrazza remembrance req by the family

Mon, Aug 26

8:00 am

Tue, Aug 27

8:00 am **Donald & Julia Gover** 76th Wedding Anniv remembrance reg by the fammily

Wed, Aug 28

8:00 am

Thu, Aug 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 am

6:00 pm Movie Night - "Mass Appeal:" in the sacristy

Fri, Aug 30

8:00 am

Sat, Aug 31

4:30 pm

Sun, Sep 1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Marie Riley 16th Anniv remembrance req by the family

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**25 <u>SUN</u>** Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

**26 MON** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22

**27 TUE** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

**28 WED** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

**29 THU** 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29

**30 FRI** 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

**31 SAT** 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

## Religious Ed for Fall 2024-2025

-Grades 1 - 8 will have class from 8:45-9:55am followed by Mass at 10AM (mandatory).
-Grades 9 & 10 (Confirmation - 2 yr program) will also have class 8:45-9:55 followed by mandatory mass. Depending on the age group, we ask that students participate in the Mass either by volunteering to Lector, Altar Serve, Greet or pass the collection basket. The confirmation students will also be required to do a Community Project that will be assigned every month. Registration will continue after the 10am mass in the church hall every weekend. Classes begin September 22.

## **Movie Night**

Our next movie night will be this **Thursday**, **August 29 at 6pm** in the sacristy. The movie will be *Mass Appeal* with Jack Lemon and Charles Durning. The movie is about....Father Tim Farley (Jack Lemmon), the popular priest of a conservative Roman Catholic parish, is challenged by upstart liberal seminary student Mark Dolson (Zeljko Ivanek). Farley is popular because he gives the parish what it wants, but Dolson's questioning of church policy conflicts with his easygoing and passive regard for rules. When the monsignor (Charles Durning) places newly ordained Deacon Dolson in Farley's parish, hoping Dolson will conform, it is Farley who reconsiders church dogma. Sign-up on table at front entrance of church. Snacks are welcome!

#### Auction

Beautiful hand-made queen size quilt is on display in the sanctuary. Place your bids on the paper at the front entrance of the church. The winner will be announced the day of the cookout.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING	
Sunday Offertory 8/17-8/18	\$1,781.00
Online Giving	310.00
Mass Offerings	45.00
Maintenance	75.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	5.00
Assumption of Mary	497.00
Candles	73.61
Easter Flowers	10.00
Aid in East/Central Europe	5.00
Partners in Charity	849.00
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Thank you for your continued, generous support. We appreciate your support of the church.

## Forming a Pastoral Council for Our Lady of

There are still a few more openings left. The Pastoral Council will begin **Thursday**, **September 12th** from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. There will be four council meetings a year, December 12th, March 13th, and June 12th. If you are interested in joining the Pastoral Council, please let me know either by phone/text 508-277-1452 or by email brianpotoole2002@gmail.com.

#### November Calendar Raffle

Wow!!! What a great response we received for gift card donations for the November Calendar Raffle. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Thank you to all who got donations or made the donations yourself. A mailing will go out at the end of August with 5 calendar raffles each for everyone to sell. There will also be extra copies at the front entrance of the church. The cost is \$10 each and you will have 30 days of chances to win that days prize.

#### **Annual Church Cookout**

Our Annual Church Cookout will be held Sunday, **September 15th** after the **Outdoor Mass at 11:00 am.** (There will not be a 10am mass.) Tickets are on sale after mass for \$15 pp. We will need salads, pastries and raffle baskets! This is our big fundraiser of the year! All are welcome!

#### Around Town...

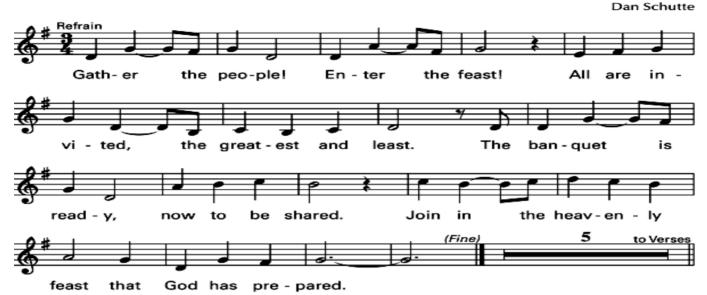
There are many events around the diocese that make it impossible to list all of them in the bulletin. Go to https://worcesterdiocese.org/the-diocesan-dispatch or see them in the Catholic Free Press

#### Grief Support Workshop in Uxbridge

St. Mary Parish, Uxbridge will be offering a workshop entitled, "Grieving with Great HOPE" on Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, and 10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. This five-week Catholic Apostolate seeks to assist those mourning the loss of a loved one. As Catholics we are given hope for eternal life in the risen Lord for ourselves and for our loved ones. The workshop is for anyone who has lost a loved one including a spouse, child, sibling, cousin, etc. and will include video presentations, sharing, and prayer. Cost is \$18.00 and includes an accompanying workbook. To register, please call the office at 508-278-2226, access the website at <a href="mailto:stmaryuxbridge.org/grieving-with-great-hope">stmaryuxbridge.org/grieving-with-great-hope</a>, or email <a href="mailto:dmoriarty@stmaryuxbridge.org">dmoriarty@stmaryuxbridge.org</a>. St. Mary's is located at 77 Mendon Street, Uxbridge.

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

## Gather The People



- Around this table we dine as kin, beloved fam'ly of God.
   We share the Body of Christ, the Lord.
   Here we become what we eat.
- Around this table we tell great tales, the wondrous stories of grace.
   We hold the mem'ry of Christ, the Lord.
   So we become what we eat.
- Around this table God's bounty falls on all who hunger and thirst.
   We drink the fullness of Christ, the Lord.
   So we become what we eat.
- Around this table God's mercy flows to hearts imprisoned by shame.
   We know compassion in Christ, the Lord.
   Let us become what we eat.

## **GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord, God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us: You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer,
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One; You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God, the Father.

Amen

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

JOSHUA 24:1-2A, 15-17, 18B

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

PSALM 34 Stephen Dean



Taste and see, taste and see that the Lord is good, the Lord is good.

#### SECOND READING

**EPHESIANS 5:2A, 25-32** 

Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL JOHN 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

#### **HOMILY**

#### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

The Response is:

"Lord hear us."



Lord Jesus Christ, who by your gift of your Body and Blood, are really present in our lives, hear the prayers of the Church of Worcester. Give us the faith of your Church, confident in your presence in our Masses, our tabernacles and our lives. Give us the faith to offer our lives to you, joined with the perfect sacrifice, which you offered on the altar of the Cross. Good and loving Shepherd, teach us how to lead your children home, that we might long together to glorify your name at the Supper of the Lord. For you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

## Supper Of The Lamb

Dan Schutte



#### Verses

- Let us come, the worn and weary, to the feast prepared by Christ, the Lord.
- Let us come, the meek and mighty, to the feast prepared by Christ, the Lord.
- Let us come, the lost and lonely, to the feast prepared by Christ, the Lord.
- 4.Let us come, the frail and fallen, to the feast prepared by Christ, the Lord.
- Let us come, the glad and grateful, to the feast prepared by Christ, the Lord.
- 6.Let us come as fathers and mothers to receive the gift of Christ, the Lord.
- Let us come as brothers and sisters to receive the hope of Christ, the Lord.
- 8.Let us come as humble and homeless to receive the love of Christ, the Lord.

- 9.Let us come as wanting and waiting to receive the light of Christ, the Lord.
- Let us come as burdened and broken to receive the peace of Christ, the Lord.
- 11.Let us come as friend and stranger to receive the gift of Christ, the Lord.
- 12.Let us come as saint and sinner to receive the hope of Christ, the Lord.
- 13.Let us come as sons and daughters to receive the love of Christ, the Lord.
- 14.Let us come as prince and pilgrim to receive the light of Christ, the Lord.
- 15.Let us come as young and seasoned to receive the peace of Christ, the Lord.

## HOLY, HOLY

MASS OF RENEWAL

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

#### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

MASS OF RENEWAL

When we eat this bread And drink this cup, We proclaim your death, O Lord Until you come again

**GREAT AMEN** 

MASS OF RENEWAL

**OUR FATHER** 

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

MASS OF RENEWAL



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